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New Catastrophic Hurricane Plan Signed By State, Federal Partners

Coordination Efforts Begin for Hurricane Hilda

HONOLULU — Gov. David Ige, Karen Armes, Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IX, and Major General Arthur J. Logan, Director of Emergency Management, signed the 2015 Hawaii Catastrophic Hurricane Plan today as Hawaii faces another potential tropical cyclone.

“The Catastrophic Hurricane Plan provides strategies for joint state and federal actions before, during, and after a catastrophic event,” explained Doug Mayne, Administrator of Emergency Management. “The two-year planning process we underwent places us in a great position to collaborate with our federal partners, state and county agencies, non-profits, the private sector and local communities to ensure we minimize suffering from the impact of a catastrophic hurricane.”

Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) initiated coordination efforts with the National Weather Service (NWS) and emergency management partners for Hurricane Hilda. NWS briefed today that Hilda is a Category 1 hurricane 1200 miles east-southeast of Hilo. There is currently a 5% chance that Hawaii Island may see tropical storm force winds sometime Wednesday morning.

HI-EMA recommends residents and visitors continue to monitor local news broadcasts for the latest on Hurricane Hilda.

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For photos of the 2015 Cat Plan Signing, visit <https://flic.kr/s/aHskhNkp3B> or <https://www.flickr.com/gp/hicivildefense/V47sQK>.

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